

and is currently the Attending Emergency Room Physician at Community Hospitals of Indianapolis. He is a member of several medical and military organizations and earned the rank of Brigadier General in 2010. As one of my opponents for Indiana Secretary of State in 2002, the way he carried himself helped make me a better candidate and officeholder. I will always appreciate his friendship and leadership to our state and nation.

Hoosiers and all Americans owe Brigadier General McGoff and his family gratitude for a job well done for our country. I wish him well in his post-retirement endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF  
MAYOR LARRY MORRISSEY AND  
THE COMMUNITY OF ROCKFORD  
TOWARD ENDING VETERAN  
HOMELESSNESS

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend and congratulate Mayor Larry Morrissey and the community of Rockford, Illinois, as they are recognized by the White House for their innovative and collaborative work to end veteran homelessness.

Mayor Morrissey has been invited to facilitate a panel discussion at the White House today to share Rockford's success in effectively eliminating homelessness among veterans within his community. Rockford was the first city in the nation to achieve a "functional zero" for homeless veterans, and has continued to do so for a consecutive year—serving as a model for other cities on how to ensure that all of our veterans have a place to call home. To achieve this result, the City of Rockford has worked with housing, employment, and veteran groups to coordinate services so all who bravely served our country have permanent housing and support.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again formally congratulate Mayor Morrissey and the community of Rockford for being recognized for their great work. I am hopeful that communities across the country can learn from Rockford's success and end veteran homelessness once and for all.

PEARLAND LADY OILERS RECEIVE  
NATIONAL HONORS

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pearland High School softball team for receiving two national honors.

The Pearland Lady Oilers joined softball teams from across the country in raising \$342,000 to support the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) and the American Cancer Society's StrikeOut Cancer initiative. The Lady Oilers raised \$4,000 for the organizations; more than any high school in the nation. The teams' coaches, Laneigh Clark, Michele Hyden, Lori Boyd, Tiffany Neal and Lauren Martens, were also recognized as the

NFCA Regional Coaching Staff of the Year. The Lady Oilers made it the 2016 Class 6A Texas state championship game before losing in the final round.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Pearland Lady Oilers for receiving two national honors. We are very proud of them and look forward to seeing what they accomplish next season.

TRIBUTE TO NEWTON COUNTY,  
INDIANA

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Newton County, Indiana, as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

The county sits on the northwest part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was originally established in 1836, later abolished and combined with Jasper County, and then finally re-established on December 8, 1859, making it the last organized of Indiana's ninety-two counties. Newton County is named after Sgt. John Newton who served under General Francis Marion in the American Revolutionary War, and Kentland serves as its county seat. Newton County is home to the "Kentland Crater", which likely was created by the impact of a meteorite.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana's past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The multiple organizations responsible for the Legacy Projects throughout the county include The Nature Conservancy of Indiana and the Newton County Historical Society. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Newton County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present and future of Indiana's history.

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY  
AND FRIENDS OF DR. LAMUEL  
STANISLAUS

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of the 9th Congressional district of New York, I wish to express my deepest, most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Lamuel Stanislaus. I stand today to honor and pay tribute to a man of high distinction, a man who was a pillar of my community, a neighbor, and a friend. His Excellency, Dr. Lamuel Stanislaus, who recently transitioned from his mortal existence into immortality, has joined the ancestors at ninety-five years of age.

Dr. Stanislaus was born on the beautiful island nation of Grenada, Carriacou, and Petit Martinique. He came to the United States in 1945 to further his education, ultimately earning both a Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Dental Surgery degree at Howard University here in Washington, D.C.

He went on to practice dentistry in Wayne County, N.Y., before relocating to Brooklyn in 1956 and establishing a practice in the Bedford-Stuyvesant community, which he later moved to Downtown Brooklyn. That very same practice still exists today under the leadership of his proud son, Dr. Eugene Stanislaus.

In 1985, Dr. Stanislaus was appointed Grenada's Ambassador at Large to the United Nations, serving for two terms, from 1985 to 1990 and again from 1998 to 2004. As a well-respected diplomat who was selected as Vice President of the General Assembly, Dr. Stanislaus formed partnerships with individuals such as New York State Governor Mario Cuomo and my predecessor, the Honorable Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, to establish a support system for the people of Grenada, at home in the Tri-Island State, here in the U.S. and indeed, around the world.

He received many honors for his work including: the Insignia of Commander of the British Empire from the Queen of England; Knight Commander, the highest honor awarded by his native Grenada, Carriacou, and Petit Martinique; a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Brooklyn District Attorney, and a Distinguished Service Award from the Brooklyn Historical Society.

In addition, the contributions of Dr. Stanislaus were also critical to development of the West Indian-American Day Carnival Association and its signature event the West Indian-American Labor Day Parade into what has become a beautiful and world renowned celebration of culture that draws millions of people to central Brooklyn every year on Labor Day.

Dr. Stanislaus was devoted to his wife of sixty-three years, Beryl, and to their five beautiful, talented children Lamuel, Galen, Karen, Eugene, and John, and seven grandchildren.

His lifetime of professionalism and service to others will forever demonstrate that people of good faith have the ability to impact the world and establish a legacy that following generations will continue to enjoy and benefit from. I am deeply honored to have known him as a dear friend. He served not only as a friend, but a mentor and advisor. He was a pillar of integrity and strength to an emerging Caribbean-American community and indeed to all that he encountered. He will be sorely missed, but his legacy lives on through his family, friends and relations and the many lives that he touched throughout his lifetime in service to others.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANNIE  
CARTER SAVAGE OF CENTURY,  
FLORIDA

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and dedicated service of Annie Carter Savage of Century, Florida

who passed away on October 25th, 2016. Annie was a remarkable public servant who cared deeply for those in the community she served, and I am humbled to commemorate her life.

Annie Carter was born to Thomas and Rosa Bell Carter in Wilcox County, Alabama on February 16, 1941. She attended Snow Hill Institution Normal and graduated Industrial Institute in Snow Hill in 1960. Following her graduation, Annie went on to pursue a cosmetology license in Birmingham, Alabama. From there she began her career with Mutual Savings Insurance Company, where she spent more than twenty years before retiring as a district manager. In 2011, Annie was appointed to the Century Town Council. Annie was a dedicated and effective public servant, and she won the confidence of her constituents, as evidenced by her election to serve a second four-year term as a councilwoman.

In addition to her service to the Northwest Florida community, Annie was also a leader in the civic and religious community. For over sixty years, Annie remained a loyal and active member of the First Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Century, Florida. She served as church clerk for 28 years and in the church's senior choir for 19 years. She also served as the district missionary for the First West Florida District Association, corresponding secretary for the Evergreen District Congress of Christian Education and remained a faithful member of the Eastern Star. Caring for the community was more than a passion for Annie. In 2009, she and her husband opened their home as an outreach ministry for those in need of hot meals, transportation and spiritual guidance.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Annie Carter Savage. She will always be remembered by all of us in Northwest Florida as a true community leader. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for her husband, Deacon Lloyd Savage, three daughters; Lomonica Savage-Shoemo, Tarrant Savage, and Melody Trice; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and the entire Savage family as we remember and honor the life of Annie Carter Savage.

IN HONOR OF PASTOR MICHELLE THOMAS' SERVICE TO THE LEESBURG COMMUNITY

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, please allow me to take a moment to recognize the significant accomplishments of Michelle Thomas, a remarkable individual from my district. A pastor in Leesburg, Virginia, Mrs. Thomas has dedicated her life to community service, preserving African American culture, and, most importantly, to God.

Pastor Thomas is the first African American woman to establish a church in Loudoun County, the Holy and Whole Life Changing Ministries. Inspired by her upbringing in her father's Pentecostal church, Pastor Thomas decided to bring her message to the people of Loudoun. On November 19th, her ministry will celebrate its 10th anniversary.

One of Pastor Thomas' greatest achievements was her re-discovery of the Belmont

Slave Cemetery. The land she recently purchased for the expansion project of the Holy and Whole Life Changing Ministries sits atop what was once part of Thomas Lee's plantation. This discovery inspired her to create the Loudoun Freedom Center. The center is dedicated to protecting African American cultural sites, resources, and communities through preservation and education. In recognition of her efforts, she became the first African American woman to be appointed to the Loudoun County Heritage Commission.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in sending our most sincere congratulations to Pastor Michelle Thomas for her tireless dedication to her community and her faith. Her actions will have an incredible impact on the Loudoun community and I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF THE HOPEWELL COMMUNITY CENTER

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize the 100 year celebration of the former Hopewell Congregational Methodist Church building. This building will become The Hopewell Community Center at McCord's Crossroads at the intersection of County Roads 16 and 29 in Cherokee County.

The church was built in 1916 and served its congregation for over 80 years before discontinuing services in 2000. The McCord's Crossroads Homemakers Club saw the potential for the building and in 2011, the church's Conference Board transferred the title of the building to the homemakers club. After a generous grant from the Coosa Valley Resource Conservation and Development Council, the building was moved from its original site to its current site today in 2014.

After much hard work and restoration from fundraisers and the community, the structure shines once again to serve the community for another 100 years.

On November 12, 2016, the community will celebrate the building and dedicate it as the new Hopewell Community Center at McCord's Crossroads.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the 100 year celebration of this building and the future of The Hopewell Community Center.

HONORING RETIRED LIEUTENANT COLONEL LEO GRAY

**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mrs. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Retired Lieutenant Colonel Leo Gray.

As one of the original members of the Tuskegee Airmen, Retired Lieutenant Colonel Leo Gray enlisted in the military after high school and became a valued member of the air force, logging 750 hours as a pilot in World War II. His service and sacrifice helped to secure Allied victory in World War II.

Moreover, along with other members of the Tuskegee Airmen, he was a pioneer of the Civil Rights Movement; combatting discrimination in our armed forces and serving as role models as our nation's first African-American military aviators.

After his service in the air force, he continued to play a critical role in the Civil Rights Movement through the Tuskegee Airmen Inc., which provides scholarships for underrepresented minorities studying aviation and aerospace.

It is with great honor that I recognize Retired-Lieutenant Colonel Leo Gray, an American hero.

TRIBUTE TO TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Tippecanoe County, Indiana, as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

The county lies in the north-central part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. Tippecanoe County was established on March 1, 1826, and it was named for a Miami people term "Kethitippecanoogi" meaning a "place of the succor fish people". The county is the largest-populated county in the 4th District, and it is best known as the home of Purdue University and for the 1811 Battle of Tippecanoe.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana's past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the thirty-three Legacy Projects to-date throughout the county include the Indiana Native American Indiana Affairs Commission, Fairfield Township, West Lafayette Parks and Recreation, Lilly Nature Center, Ivy Tech Community College—Lafayette, Purdue University, Indiana State Federation of Poetry Clubs, Lafayette School Corporation, The Society of Indiana Pioneers, Tippecanoe County 4-H Exhibit Association, Tippecanoe County Historical Association, West Lafayette Public Arts Team, NICHES Land Trust, Geography Educators Network of Indiana, Old Tippecanoe Quilt Guild, The Archaeological Conservancy, Purdue University College of Agriculture, West Lafayette Tree Friends, Tippecanoe County Parks, Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, Monticello-Union Township Public Library, Morton Community Center, Dani M. Tippmann, Bach Chorale Singers, Inc., Catherine E. Mowery, Lafayette Symphony, Inc., Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette, Haan Mansion Museum of IN Art, Grounds Department—Physical Facilities Purdue University, Animalia, Inc., and the Tippecanoe County Public Library. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Tippecanoe County for the contribution of its residents to